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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

NEW ORLEANS—PLAGUE-INFECTED RAT FOUND.

Surg. White at New Orleans, La., reports July 27 and 28 that one plague-infected rat has been found on the water front in New Orleans at Stuyvesant Dock 5, head of Pennison Street. The infection is not thought to be connected with Porto Rican or Cuban shipping.

CALIFORNIA—PLAGUE-INFECTED SQUIRRELS FOUND.

During the week ended June 29, 1912, positive diagnosis was made of 172 plague-infected ground squirrels found in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, Cal., as follows: Alameda County—June 17, 2 squirrels; June 26, 1 squirrel. Contra Costa County—June 8, 1 squirrel; June 10, 1 squirrel; June 11, 1 squirrel; June 13, 1 squirrel; June 15, 1 squirrel; June 17, 3 squirrels; June 18, 2 squirrels; June 19, 6 squirrels; June 20, 4 squirrels; June 21, 2 squirrels; June 22, 19 squirrels; June 24, 13 squirrels; June 25, 22 squirrels; June 26, 43 squirrels; June 27, 27 squirrels; June 28, 23 squirrels.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 4,495 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended June 29, 1912.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	July 3, 1912.....	237 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	July 6, 1912.....	869 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	6 squirrels.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Louisiana:				
City—				
New Orleans.....	do.....	July 27, 1912.....	None.....	1 rat.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	do.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended.	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	June 29, 1912	4	1 207	None.	None.
Oakland.....do.....	26	2 866	None.	None.
San Francisco.....do.....	1	3 1,951	1,682	None.
Louisiana:					
City—					
New Orleans.....	July 27, 1912	1
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	June 29, 1912	927	866

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 161; *Mus musculus*, 46.

² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 759; *Mus musculus*, 107.

³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,179; *Mus rattus*, 283; *Mus musculus*, 269; *Mus alexandrinus*, 220.

The rats from Oakland and Berkeley were too badly decomposed to be examined.

SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

During the week ended June 29, 1912, 165 ground squirrels collected in Alameda County and 1,772 collected in Contra Costa County, Cal., were examined for plague infection. Three from Alameda County and 169 from Contra Costa County were found to be plague infected.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 13, 1912.**

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Baltimore, Md.....	1	Kansas City, Kans.....	1
Boston, Mass.....	4	4	La Crosse, Wis.....	1	1
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1	Lawrence, Mass.....	1	1
Chicago, Ill.....	1	1	Los Angeles, Cal.....	1
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1	New Orleans, La.....	1
Cleveland, Ohio.....	2	1	New York, N. Y.....	13	9
El Paso, Tex.....	1	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1
Harrisburg, Pa.....	1	Richmond, Va.....	1
Haverhill, Mass.....	1	South Omaha, Nebr.....	1
Jersey City, N. J.....	1			

ERYSIPELAS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 13, 1912.**

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Baltimore, Md.....	1	New York, N. Y.....	56	1
Boston, Mass.....	3	Philadelphia, Pa.....	7
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	6
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1	Plainfield, N. J.....	2
Cleveland, Ohio.....	3	Providence, R. I.....	1
Lawrence, Mass.....	1	St. Louis, Mo.....	6
Los Angeles, Cal.....	2	San Francisco, Cal.....	4
Milwaukee, Wis.....	3			

PELLAGRA.

During the week ended July 13, 1912, pellagra was reported as follows: Lynchburg, Va., 1 death; Montgomery, Ala., 2 deaths; New Orleans, La., 1 death.